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ALLARD STATEMENT REGARDING ANWR VOTE

WASHINGTON, D.C. — U.S. Senator Wayne Allard (R-Colorado) made the following statement Wednesday after voting against an amendment to the FY 2006 Budget Resolution that would have removed a provision regarding drilling in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge (ANWR):

“It is not in our country’s best interest to bar the development of ANWR. OPEC today is meeting in Iran to set the price of oil. Venezuela is threatening an oil embargo against the United States. I believe drilling in ANWR can be carried out in an environmentally responsible manner, while augmenting America’s vital oil supplies, making us less dependent on foreign oil.

“The drilling that will take place would affect a mere 2,000 acres in a refuge that is comprised of more than 19 million acres. We cannot continue to lock up our own energy resources and leave ourselves at the mercy of unstable, if not downright hostile, regimes.”

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